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1. NETHERLANDS PERM REP KAUFMANN CALLED ON GOVERNOR SCRANTON SEPTEMBER 16 IN HIS CAPACITY AS REPRESENTATIVE IN NEW YORK OF THE PRESIDENCY OF THE EC. HE WAS ACCOMPAINED BY AMBASSADOR JONKHEER LEOPOLD QUARLES VAN UFFORD AND MINISTER SPEYART VAN WOERDEN OF DUTCH MISSION. AMBASSADOR QUARLES HAS JUST ARRIVED IN NEW YORK TO ASSIST AMBASSADOR KAUFMANN DURING UNGA, IN PARTICULAR CONNECTION WITH FUNCTIONS OF EC PRESIDENCY.

2. AMBASSADOR KAUFMANN REFERRED TO GOVERNOR SCRANTON'S CONVERSATIONS WITH HIM AND OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS IN THE HAGUE IN JULY CONCERNING NEED TO DEVELOP CLOSE CONSULTATIVE RELATIONS BETWEEN U.S. AND THE EC IN NEW YORK, PARTICULARLY DURING UPCOMING UNGA. HE RECALLED THAT IT HAD BEEN AGREED BY BOTH SIDES THAT SUCH TIES WERE ESSENTIAL, AND THAT GOVERNOR SCRANTON HAD ENTHUSIASTICALLY OFFERED COOPERATION IN ORDER TO DEVELOP

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3. KAUFMANN SAID HE SOUGHT TO ESTABLISH A "SYSTEMATIC, YET INFORMAL AND PRAGMATIC" LINK WITH U.S. MISSION FOR THIS PURPOSE. HE SAID HE WAS HOLDING THE FIRST POST-HOLIDAY MEETING WITH THE NINE LATER SEPTEMBER 16 AND WOULD LIKE TO REPORT TO THEM THAT CONTACT WITH THE AMERICANS HAD BEEN SUCCESSFULLY INITIATED. KAUFMANN SPOKE OF THEIR DESIRE TO KEEP IN CONTACT ABOUT POLICY POSITIONS OF BOTH SIDES AS THEY WOULD BE EMERGING DURING COURSE OF THE GA. HE SAID THAT IT HAD BEEN AGREED IN THE HAGUE THAT THE DESIGNATED EC REPRESENTATIVES ON ALL OF MAIN COMMITTEES OF THE GA WOULD HAVE A MANDATE TO KEEP APPROPRIATE U.S. REPRESENTATIVES CLOSELY INFORMED. HE EMPHASIZED HIS VIEW THAT THE CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE MOST USEFUL TO EXTENT THAT THEY DEALT WITH POLICY ATTITUDES AND POSITIONS BEFORE THEIR FINAL FORMULATION; COOPERATION WOULD BE LESS MEANINGFUL UNLESS IT WERE PERMITTED TO APPLY TO EMERGING STAGES OF OUR RESPECTIVE POSITIONS.

4. KAUFMANN PROPOSED THAT THERE BE REGULAR PERM REP MEETINGS LATER IN GA, WHEN THE DEVELOPMENT OF VARIOUS PROBLEMS WILL REQUIRE THAT LEVEL OF CONSULTATIONS. IN MEANTIME, OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENCY WOULD PROVIDE US WITH A LIST OF THE EFFECTIVE EC-9 REPRESENTATIVES IN VARIOUS COMMITTEES. KAUFMANN ASKED FOR A SIMILAR CONTACT LIST FROM US. HE ALSO SUGGESTED THE DESIRABILITY OF A BILATERAL MEETING WITH GOVERNOR SCRANTON ON A WEEKLY BASIS AND PROPOSED THE FIRST OF THESE BE SCHEDULED AT DUTCH MISSION AT 9:00 A.M. TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5. HE ALSO INDICATED THAT HE WISHED TO SCHEDULE A LUNCHEON FOR THE GOVERNOR TO MEET WITH EC PERM REPS AND TENTATIVELY SUGGESTED OCTOBER 14.

5. GOVERNOR SCRANTON WARMLY WELCOMED AMBASSADOR QUARLES' INITIATIVE AND HIS INVITATIONS TO MEET. HE OFFERED THE COOPERATION OF THE U.S. MISSION IN DEVELOPING THIS IMPORTANT RELATIONSHIP. THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR WAS DESIGNATED AS THE USUN WORKING-LEVEL POINT OF CONTACT WITH THE PRESIDENCY, AND A DETAILED LIST OF U.S. COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE OFFICERS WAS PROMISED.
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